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The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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The Assignee respectfully requests consideration of the instant application with the information disclosure statement attached herewith.

The Assignee would also like to inform the Examiner that all previously submitted references have been scanned to pdf files. As a result, any missing document(s) can now be emailed or faxed to the Examiner upon receipt of a request to do so. Please send any request for any reference that has been "lost" in the U.S.P.T.O. to <a href="mailto:ipcommittee@asset-trust.com">ipcommittee@asset-trust.com</a>. In most cases the document(s) will be sent the same day the email is received.

Respectfully submitted,

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